I.   Amendments to the Claims

        Please amend the claims as follows with the following
clean versions of the claims in accordance with 37 CFR §
1.121; marked-up versions of the claims are presented in the
5   following section.

Clean version of amended claims:

1.   A method of enabling a client terminal user to access target resources managed by a set of resource managers within an enterprise computing environment, comprising:

   authenticating the user to establish a user primary
5 identity;

   mapping the user primary identity to a set of user secondary identities;

   authenticating the user to the resource managers using the set of user secondary identities;

10   following authentication using the set of user secondary identities, forwarding resource requests to the resource managers; and

   returning replies received from the resource managers back to the user.

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2.   The method as described in claim 1 wherein the user primary identity is mapped to the set of user secondary identities by a sign-on service.

20   3.   The method as described in claim 2 further including the step of authenticating a trusted server to the sign-on service prior to mapping the user primary identity to the set of user secondary identities.

25   4.   The method as described in claim 3 wherein the trusted server is authenticated to the sign-on server before the step of authenticating the user to establish the user primary identity.

30   5.   The method as described in claim 3 wherein the trusted server is authenticated to the sign-on service after the step

of authenticating the user to establish the user primary
identity.

6.   The method as described in claim 3 wherein the user is
5   authenticated to establish the user primary identity using an
authentication service associated with the trusted server.

7.   The method as described in claim 1 further including the
step of load balancing resource requests across a set of
10   instances of a given resource manager.

8.   The method as described in claim 1 wherein the client
terminal user accesses the enterprise computing environment
over the Internet.

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9.   The method as described in claim 1 wherein the user is
authenticated to a given resource manager using an
authentication service associated with the given resource
manager.

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10.   (Amended)   A method for enabling a client terminal
user to access target resources managed by a set of resource
managers operative within an enterprise computing environment,
wherein the environment has an associated sign-on service,
5   comprising:
        responsive to a request received from a user of the
client terminal, authenticating the user to establish a user
primary identity;
        using the user primary identity, accessing the sign-on
10   service to retrieve a set of stored user authentication
information, wherein the stored user authentication
information comprises a set of user secondary identities;
        performing a sign-on to the set of resource managers
using the retrieved set of user secondary identities; and
15   forwarding the request to a given resource manager; and
        forwarding a reply received from the given resource
manager back to the user.

11. A method for enabling a client terminal user to access
target resources managed by a set of resource managers
operative within an enterprise computing environment, wherein
the environment has an associated sign-on service, comprising:

5   having the client terminal user perform a primary logon
to an intermediary server to establish a user primary
identity;

           having the intermediary server pass the user's primary
identity to the sign-on service and, in response, obtaining a
10   set of user secondary identities that may be used in enabling
the intermediary server to represent the client terminal user
to the resource managers;

           having the intermediary server perform a secondary logon
to a first resource manager using a first user secondary
15   identity;

           having the intermediary server perform a secondary logon
to a second resource manager using a second user secondary
identity;

           having the intermediary server perform resource requests
20   at the first and second resource managers under the respective
secondary identities; and

           forwarding responses back to the client terminal user.

12.   (Amended)   An enterprise computing environment having
a set of resource managers and a sign-on service, the
enterprise computing environment comprising:
        means for authenticating a user to establish a user
5   primary account associated with a user primary identity;
        means for cooperating with the sign-on service to map the
user primary account to a set of user secondary accounts
associated with a set of user secondary identities;
        means for logging onto the set of resource managers using
10   the user secondary accounts; and
        means for passing resource requests from the user to the
resource managers under the user secondary accounts.

13.   (Amended)   The enterprise computing environment as
15   described in claim 12 wherein the server passes replies to the
resource requests back to the user.

14.   (Amended)   A server for use in an enterprise computing
environment having a set of resource managers and a sign-on
service, comprising:

     means for authenticating a user to establish a user

5   primary account associated with a user primary identity;

     means for authenticating the server to the sign-on
service;

     means for logging onto the set of resource managers using
a set of user secondary accounts returned from the sign-on

10   service, wherein the set of user secondary accounts is
associated with a set of user secondary identities; and

     means for passing resource requests and associated
replies between the user and the resource managers.

15   15. The server as described in claim 14 further including
means for load balancing resource requests passed to a set of
instances of a given resource manager.

16.   (Amended)   A system, comprising:

a set of resource managers;

a sign on service;

a server, comprising:

5   means for authenticating users to establish user primary

accounts associated with user primary identities;

means for logging a given user onto the set of resource

managers using a set of user secondary accounts for the given

user retrieved from the sign on service, wherein a set of user

10   secondary accounts for a given user is associated with a set

of user secondary identities for a given user; and

means for passing resource requests and associated

replies between the given user and the resource managers.

15   17.   The system as described in claim 16 wherein at least one

resource manager comprises a set of instances.

18.   The system as described in claim 17 wherein the server

further includes means for load balancing resource requests

20   across the set of instances.

19.   The system as described in claim 16 wherein the server

comprises a set of instances.

25   20.   The system as described in claim 19 further including a

manager that manages the set of server instances.

21. (Amended)   A computer program product in a
computer-useable medium executable in a processor of a server,
comprising:

      means for authenticating a user to establish a user
5   primary account associated with a user primary identity;

      means for authenticating the server to a sign-on service;

      means for logging onto a set of resource managers using a
set of user secondary accounts returned from the sign-on
service, wherein the set of user secondary accounts are
10 associated with a set of user secondary identities; and

      means for passing resource requests and associated
replies between the user and the resource managers.